

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (Original) A system for use in a network, comprising:
2 a user console;
3 a disc storage medium including a permanently recorded disc identification, the
4 disc storage medium being readable by the user console, wherein the user
5 console is operable to transmit the disc identification over the network;
6 and
7 a host server in the network, the host server being configured to receive the disc
8 identification and configured to assign points to a point account
9 associated with the disc identification.
- 1 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user console includes a set
2 identification that uniquely identifies the user console.
- 1 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user console includes a user
2 identification that identifies a user of the user console.
- 1 4. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a user database accessible
2 by the host server, the user database including a user table associated with the user
3 identification, the user table including the point account, the point account being
4 further associated with the user identification.

1 5. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a user database accessible
2 by the host server, the user database including a user table associated with the set
3 identification, the user table including the point account, the point account being
4 further associated with the set identification.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the user console transmits the disc
2 identification and the user identification to the host server for authorization to execute
3 software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the user console transmits the disc
2 identification and the set identification to the host server for authorization to execute
3 software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the host server compares the disc
2 identification to a plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated
3 with the user identification, and compares the disc identification with a plurality of disc
4 identifications stored in other user tables associated with other user identifications.

1 9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with the user
3 identification, the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal
4 that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points
5 to the point account of user table associated with the disc identification and the user
6 identification, and transmits point information to the user console.

1 10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the
4 host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
5 execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points to the point
6 account of the other user table associated with the disc identification and the other user
7 identification, and transmits point information to the user console.

1 11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the host server assigns points to a
2 point account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner
4 consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby
5 the user console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification does not match
2 any disc identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits to the user
3 console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage
4 medium, assigns points to the point account of user table associated with the user
5 identification, and transmits point information to the user console.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the host server records the disc
2 identification to the user table associated with the user identification.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a disc database accessible by
2 the host server, the disc database including a disc table that includes owner consent
3 data and a sub-account associated with the disc identification, the sub-account
4 including point data associated with the disc identification and the owner consent data
5 including access permission data for other users.

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification matches one
2 of the plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with the user
3 identification, the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal
4 that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points
5 to the sub-account of disc table associated with the disc identification, and transmits
6 point information to the user console.

1 17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification matches one
2 of the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with
3 other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent,
4 the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
5 execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points to the sub-
6 account of the disc table associated with the disc identification, and transmits point
7 information to the user console.

1 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the host server assigns points to a
2 point account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification matches one
2 of the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with
3 other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner
4 consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby
5 the user console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 20. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification does not
2 match any disc identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits to the
3 user console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage
4 medium and transmits point information to the user console.

1 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the host server records the disc
2 identification to the disc table.

1 22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the host server assigns points to the
2 sub-account of the disc table associated with the disc identification.

1 23. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of publisher
2 servers accessible by the host server, the publisher servers being configured to manage
3 a plurality of publisher databases, wherein each of the publisher databases includes
4 sub-accounts managed by one of the publisher servers.

1 24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification matches one
2 of the plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with the user
3 identification, the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal
4 that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium and transmits
5 point information to the user console, and the publisher server of the publisher
6 database associated with the disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the
7 publisher database associated with the disc identification.

1 25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification matches one
2 of the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with
3 other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent,
4 the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
5 execution of software stored on the disc storage medium and transmits point
6 information to the user console, and the publisher server of the publisher database
7 associated with the disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher
8 database associated with the disc identification.

1 26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the host server assigns points to a
2 point account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 27. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification matches one
2 of the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with
3 other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner
4 consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby
5 the user console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 28. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification does not
2 match any disc identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits to the
3 user console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage
4 medium and transmits point information to the user console.

1 29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the publisher server of the publisher
2 database associated with the disc storage medium identified by the disc identification
3 records the disc identification to the publisher database associated with the disc storage
4 medium identified by the disc identification.

1 30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the publisher server of the publisher
2 database associated with the disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the
3 publisher database associated with the disc identification.

1 31. (Withdrawn) A method for awarding points to users, comprising the steps of:
2 transmitting a disc identification stored on a disc storage medium to a host
3 server;
4 transmitting a user identification to the host server; and
5 comparing the transmitted disc identification to stored disc identifications.

1 32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein points are added to a user table
2 associated with the user identification if the transmitted disc identification matches a
3 disc identification stored in the user table associated with the user identification.

1 33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein points are added to an other user
2 table associated with an other user identification if the transmitted disc identification
3 matches a disc identification stored in the other user table associated with the other user
4 identification and if the other user table grants owner consent.

1 34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein points are added to the user table
2 associated with the user identification.

1 35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein points are added to a user table
2 associated with the user identification if the transmitted disc identification does not
3 match any stored disc identifications in any user tables.

1 36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of recording
2 the transmitted disc identification to the user table associated with the user
3 identification.

1 37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein points are added to a disc table
2 associated with the stored disc identification if the transmitted disc identification
3 matches the stored disc identification in the user table.

1 38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein if the transmitted disc
2 identification matches a stored disc identification in an other user table and if the other
3 user table grants owner consent, points are added to a disc table associated with the
4 stored disc identification.

1 39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, wherein points are added to the user table
2 associated with the user identification.

1 40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of recording
2 the transmitted disc identification to a disc table if the transmitted disc identification
3 does not match any stored disc identifications in any user tables.

1 41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, wherein points are added to the disc table
2 associated with the disc identification.

1 42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein if the transmitted disc
2 identification matches a stored disc identification in the user table, points are added to a
3 publisher database associated with the stored disc identification.

1 43. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein if the transmitted disc
2 identification matches a stored disc identification in an other user table and if the other
3 user table grants owner consent, points are added to a publisher database associated
4 with the stored disc identification.

1 44. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 43, wherein points are added to the user table
2 associated with the user identification.

1 45. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of recording
2 the transmitted disc identification to a publisher database associated with the disc
3 storage medium identified by the transmitted disc identification if the transmitted disc
4 identification does not match any stored disc identifications in any user tables.

1 46. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45, wherein points are added to the publisher
2 database associated with the transmitted disc identification.

1 47. (Withdrawn) A system for managing a point scheme, comprising:
2 a network;
3 a content identified by a content identification; and
4 a host server being configured to receive the content identification from the
5 network and configured to assign points to a point account associated
6 with the content identification.

1 48. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 47, further comprising a user database
2 accessible by the host server, the user database including a user table associated with a
3 user identification, the user table including the point account, the point account being
4 further associated with the user identification.

1 49. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 48, wherein the host server receives the content
2 identification and the user identification for authorization to access the content
3 identified by the content identification.

1 50. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49, wherein the host server compares the
2 content identification to a plurality of content identifications stored in the user table
3 associated with the user identification, and compares the content identification with a
4 plurality of content identifications stored in other user tables associated with other user
5 identifications.

1 51. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the user table associated
3 with the user identification, the host server transmits an access permission signal to the
4 user that authorizes access to the content, assigns points to the point account of the user
5 table associated with the content identification and the user identification, and
6 transmits point information to the user.

1 52. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the other user tables
3 associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates
4 owner consent, the host server transmits to the user an access permission signal that
5 authorizes access to the content, assigns points to the point account of the other user
6 table associated with the content identification and the other user identification, and
7 transmits point information to the user.

1 53. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 52, wherein the host server assigns points to
2 the point account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 54. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the other user tables
3 associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not
4 indicate owner consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user
5 whereby the user cannot access the content.

1 55. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50, wherein if the content identification does
2 not match any content identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits
3 to the user an access permission signal to access the content, assigns points to the point
4 account of the user table associated with the user identification, and transmits point
5 information to the user.

1 56. The system of claim 55, wherein the host server records the content identification
2 to the user table associated with the user identification.

1 57. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50, further comprising a disc database
2 accessible by the host server, the disc database including a disc table that includes
3 owner consent data and a sub-account associated with the content identification, the
4 sub-account including point data associated with the content identification and the
5 owner consent data including access permission data for other users.

1 58. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 57, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the user table associated
3 with the user identification, the host server transmits to the user an access permission
4 signal that authorizes access to the content, assigns points to the sub-account of the disc
5 table associated with the content identification, and transmits point information to the
6 user.

1 59. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 57, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the other user tables
3 associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates
4 owner consent, the host server transmits to the user an access permission signal that
5 authorizes access to the content, assigns points to the sub-account of the disc table
6 associated with the content identification, and transmits point information to the user.

1 60. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 59, wherein the host server assigns points to
2 the point account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 61. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 57, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the other user tables
3 associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not
4 indicate owner consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user
5 whereby the user cannot access the content.

1 62. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 57, wherein if the content identification does
2 not match any content identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits
3 to the user an access permission signal to access the content and transmits point
4 information to the user.

1 63. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 62, wherein the host server records the content
2 identification to the disc table.

1 64. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 63, wherein the host server assigns points to
2 the sub-account of the disc table associated with the content identification.

1 65. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 50, further comprising a plurality of publisher
2 servers accessible by the host server, the publisher servers being configured to manage
3 a plurality of publisher databases, wherein each of the publisher databases includes
4 sub-accounts managed by one of the publisher servers.

1 66. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the user table associated
3 with the user identification, the host server transmits to the user an access permission
4 signal that authorizes access to the content and transmits point information to the user,
5 and the publisher server of the publisher database associated with the content
6 identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher database associated
7 with the content identification.

1 67. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the other user tables
3 associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates
4 owner consent, the host server transmits to the user an access permission signal that
5 authorizes access to the content and transmits point information to the user, and the
6 publisher server of the publisher database associated with the content identification
7 assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher database associated with the content
8 identification.

1 68. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 67, wherein the host server assigns points to
2 the point account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 69. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65, wherein if the content identification
2 matches one of the plurality of content identifications stored in the other user tables
3 associated with other user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not
4 indicate owner consent, the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user
5 whereby the user cannot access the content.

1 70. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 65, wherein if the content identification does
2 not match any content identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits
3 to the user an access permission signal to access the content and transmits point
4 information to the user.

1 71. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 70, wherein a publisher server of a publisher
2 database associated with the content identified by the content identification records the
3 content identification to the publisher database.

1 72. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 71, wherein the publisher server of the
2 publisher database associated with the content identification assigns points to the sub-
3 account of the publisher database associated with the content identification.

1 73. (Withdrawn) A method for managing a point scheme, comprising the steps of:
2 a host server receiving a content identification of a content and a user
3 identification of a user from a network;
4 comparing the received content identification to stored content
5 identifications;
6 authorizing access to the content identified by the content
7 identification; and
8 awarding points to point accounts associated with user identifications
9 and the received content identification.